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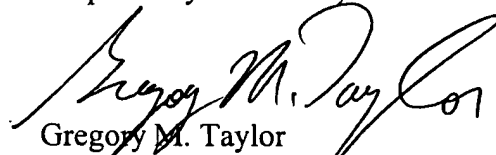
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the communication mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark
Office on March 30, 2001, Applicants have the following comments.

The Examiner has indicated that restriction to one of the following invention groups is
required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-28 and 42-52, drawn to a security article; and
- II. Claims 29-41, drawn to a method of forming a security article.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-28 and 42-52.

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The Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention in Group I related to the color shifting optical coating:

- A. polymeric layers – claims 5, 6, 9-22 and 42-52; and
- B. interference flakes dispersed in a polymeric medium – claims 7 and 23-28.

Applicants hereby elect species A for prosecution on the merits. Currently, claims 1-6, 8-22, and 42-52 read on species A.

The Examiner indicated that if species A is elected, then another species election is also required related to the color shifting optical coating placement:

- C. on the second surface of the substrate – claims 1-6 and 8-22; and
- D. on the first surface of the substrate – claims 42-52.

Applicants hereby elect species C for prosecution on the merits. Currently, claims 1-6 and 8-22 read on species C.

The Examiner indicated that if species A is elected, then a further species election is also required related to the dielectric layer in groups C and D:

Group C:

- E. index of refraction of about 1.65 or less – claims 12 and 13;
- F. organic material – claim 14;
- G. acrylates, perfluoroalkenes, PTFE, fluorinated ethylene propylene – claim 15;
- H. index of refraction greater than about 1.65 – claims 16 and 17;

Group D:

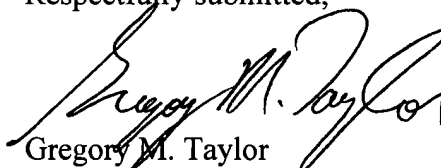
- I. oxides and fluorides – claim 46;
- J. organic material – claim 47; and
- K. oxides, carbides, and nitrides – claim 48.

Applicants hereby further elect species E for prosecution on the merits. Currently, claims 1-6, 8-13, and 18-22 read on species E.

In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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